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Summer Theatre Plan Draws Southwick Crowd

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Over 80 residents and town officials were present at a public hearing Thursday on the request of Wallace Beach to build a tent theatre on College Highway, the present site of Galanek Lumber Yard.

According to the proposal, Beach and his partner, Gary Champagne of Holyoke, plan to construct a theatre-in-the-round, similar to the former Storrowton music tent, to seat 2,500 patrons. The tent itself would be a portable structure, to be removed during the off-season, but there would be a permanent base and small permanent structures on the site for various uses.

Because of the illness of his architect, Beach did not have complete technical drawings of the site. He did say that the caliber of the performances would be highly professional, with plans for celebrities to appear in the productions. There would be no rock concerts, he added.

Beach said he felt the "million dollar theatre" would be an asset to the community because it would provide 100 part-time jobs for local residents during the 10-week season. He added that he also has plans for a children's theatre on Saturday mornings and student workshops in the future. Presently, he plans six nightly shows and a Saturday matinee.

Beach said, because of the location, he could foresee no traffic problems. He added that the theatre would be a "definite improvement on what is presently on the site."

According to an earlier proposal to the Planning Board, Jack Galanek plans to sell Beach the front section of the property and retain the back as a lumber yard.

"Several residents spoke in favor of the proposal, noting, 'It is time Southwick was put on the map for something good.'"

The opinion of many was voiced by Norman Storey, local realtor and chairman of the Finance Committee, that this area on College Highway is a logical place for commercial development. "The summer theatre would blend into the recreational atmosphere of the town and enhance the cultural involvement of the community," he said.

Selectmen Russell Fox and Vivian Brown, both in favor of the proposal, noted their sympathy with abutters.

Most of those in opposition to the project were abutters, who objected to the possible traffic hazards, noise and air pollution from the heavy traffic. Rosemary Swoczek of College Highway, although "an avid concert-goer," asked officials to "please have a thought for us who have to live here and breathe these fumes."

Residents also noted that there is now poor water pressure in the area. With the increased use, they felt they would have "no water at all much of the time."

In answering questions on the facility's safety, Beach said he is required by state codes to have fire-proof materials and must undergo periodic safety inspections by fire department officials.

The official proposal calls for a 120' x 170' tent to be located about 250' from the highway. There are planned facilities for parking 500 to 1,000 cars.

The area has been zoned business-restricted since the town first developed its zoning ordinances in 1956. A use such as this is permitted in the business-restricted zone according to the by-laws.

But before any new business can be established in the B-R zone, a public hearing was required and a special permit granted. The Planning Board hopes to have a decision on the request by its March 3rd meeting.

Should the Planning Board grant the permit, Beach still has several other boards to get approval from, including the Board of Health. Beach hopes to open his tent July 4th.

Additional Funds OK'd For Accounting Dept.

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen Wednesday approved a compromise request from Town Accountant Eileen Whiting to ask the Finance Committee for additional funds for part-time clerical help through June.

Mrs. Whiting asked for an additional \$1,000 to pay her clerk for fifteen hours a week for the remaining twenty weeks of the fiscal year. Selectmen said they would approve a request of \$800 for about twelve hours a week. This year, slightly more than \$1,300 was allotted in the budget for clerical assistance. This figure allowed for eight hours of work a week in the Accounting Department.

According to Mrs. Whiting, with the added time necessary to change the accounting system this year and the preparation of brochures for bonding issues, she has little time for her normal duties. She said accounting and financial matters from all the town's departments, including schools, are handled by her basically one-person office. Most towns of similar size have full-time clerks for the accountant's office, she noted.

Mrs. Whiting made the request on an emergency basis, noting that the original \$1,300 has run out. She said she could use part of her longevity pay to make up the salary this week because she feels she "needs the help right now more than the money." But she said this interchange of funds is not allowed on a long-term basis.

Although Mrs. Whiting told the entire board that both Chairman Russell Fox and Personnel Committee member Vivian Brown had been told that the part-time clerk had been working more than eight hours a week, neither selectman said they were aware that the money had been spent. Fox said he felt that, as a department head, Mrs. Whiting had the authority to use the funds when necessary.

Selectmen also felt that more consideration should be given to part-time assistance for the accounting

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AT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY NIGHT Southwick Planning Board Chairman Clyde Jones (right) discusses plan for a music tent theatre proposed by entrepreneur Wally Beach (left) for College Highway near the Westfield line. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

More Courses For McAlister Gifted May Be Offered

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Students at McAlister Middle School may soon have the opportunity to take special courses for the talented and gifted on a regular basis, to replace study hall or other classes.

McAlister Principal Anthony Kula gave a review of the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. He stated that he wants TAG students to be working with staff members at least five periods a week. These students are presently taking part in the program whenever they get the chance.

Kula noted that youths can take these classes in place of study halls. If they do not have a free period, they may elect to replace an exploratory course, such as home economics or industrial arts, with a TAG class.

He added that students will not be allowed to substitute a TAG program for any academic class.

TAG teacher Martha Simpson stated at the meeting that the students will take TAG programs as electives - it will be their choice.

"They don't have to take nuclear energy or computers every Monday, Wednesday and Friday," she said, "but they have the option to go to a TAG class if they have the free time."

The students will not be attending a TAG program during the same period every day and missing the same regularly-scheduled class every day of the week, Mrs. Simpson explained.

Mrs. Simpson has been involved with the program this year, according to Kula. "She is the mainstay of the program and really takes care of the kids," he remarked.

He added that other staff members involved in teaching the program at McAlister include: Pam Weiss, science; Nancy Kappler, math; Gary Kane, computers; Alan Meschonat, English; and Janet Eberling, nuclear energy.

These staff members have been trained to teach the TAG programs by attending classes and seminars at the University of Connecticut and Talcott Mountain Science Center, in Avon, according to Kula. He said science programs are now being brought to the school for TAG students by Talcott Mountain, and that hopefully UConn will do the same.

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Good Dental Care!



FEBRUARY IS National Dental Health Month, and the Valley Dental Society is promoting good oral health habits throughout the area. Here, Jerome Azia, D.D.S., in Southwick checks the teeth of Woodland School students on one of his periodic visits. The fortunate youngster being examined is Erik Scott Berman. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

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LPVEC Hears Reports



AT THE JANUARY 19TH MEETING of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative in Southwick, Bernadette Conte of Agawam (left) and Priscilla Deveno of Southwick discuss new programs and budget proposals for the coming school year. Although next year's budget is expected to increase over 4 percent from that of last year, the collaborative reportedly will have an excess of \$9,000 this year to be credited to participating towns. The committee also heard plans of a proposed expansion of the Twain High School and a report of the innovative ways students have earned money through class work. Collaborative vocational students have supplied cheerleading uniforms and handbooks to some participating schools at minimal costs. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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Fire Commission Discusses New Station

By Ron Rookey

Suffield: Monday Fire Commission members met with the newly-formed Permanent Building Commission (P.B.C.), to discuss formal planning for a new Congamond Fire Station.

Fire Commission Chairman Ralph Merrell briefly outlined why the proposed safety complex has been shelved. In 1980 the idea was to construct a facility which could accommodate the needs of police, fire, civil defense and the selectman's office. To oversee the project, representatives from these departments formed Suffield's Fire Building Committee.

Unfortunately, Merrell noted, "By the time the committee had included everyone's interests, the station had grown to four bays and the cost was way over budget." Failing to obtain necessary funding, the original committee became defunct.

To cut building costs, Fire Commissioners proposed that any new structure be strictly a fire station, having two bays but designed to allow for further expansion if the need should arise. Noting the absence of a public meeting area in West Suffield, commissioners proposed including a meeting room in the design which could also be used as a classroom for training West Suffield firemen.

Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore explained to the P.B.C. that Congamond Fire Station currently has a single bay with no lavatory or sink facilities and was built by Hathaway and Steane in 1955 to protect its farm property. The lakes area is now witnessing an increasing residential population, however, and "We are no longer concerned with only property, but peoples' lives as well," he added.

Explaining to the Fire Commissioners that their concerns appear valid, the P.B.C. advised that a formal statement of needs be prepared so the commission could begin official action on the proposed station as soon as possible.

In other business, Chief Bellmore announced that the Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures will grant the proposed new fire truck for Congamond Fire Station a number 2 priority rating, which he explained means that the advisory commission feels there is an urgent need to replace the aging and smaller truck currently serving the lakes area.

At the conclusion of the meeting Chief Bellmore requested that all residents check hydrants to make sure they are clear of snow.

Suffield Landfill Closed Monday

Suffield: The Suffield Landfill will be closed on Monday, February 21st due to the Washington's Birthday holiday. The landfill will be open on Wednesday, February 23rd for business as usual.

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In other business at the meeting, the board appointed fifth grade teacher Richard Foley as curriculum coordinator for science in grades kindergarten through 5, for the duration of the school year.

Superintendent Bernard Ellis reported that proposed staff reductions for the 1983-84 school year include one full-time academic teacher at the middle school and one part-time teacher at the high school. However, these staff changes are not definite.

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Fox Announces Intent To Seek Post

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: At a special press conference Tuesday, Board of Selectmen Chairman Russell Fox formally announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for selectman. Fox, elected in October, 1981 to fill a vacancy, said he had not planned to announce his candidacy for another month but has received several inquiries since a recent newspaper article stated he did not seek reelection.

Fox said he was thinking about the election for several months and has had to consider the large amount of time involved with the office. He said he is now satisfied that he can continue his career in his family's agricultural business and still serve the town.

Fox freely admits he has "made some mistakes and may have stepped on some toes" as a selectman, but, he said, the voters, by approving Proposition 2 1/2 have demanded more fiscal responsibility from officials. He said his first duty has always been to the taxpayer and he will continue, if reelected, "to seek innovative ways for the town to maintain a conservative fiscal manner."

Fox says his experience as a member of the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen has helped him develop a rapport with local department heads and state officials, both important in managing the town.

Although not yet an official candidate, Fox anticipates little problem in receiving the Republican nomination at the party caucus in mid-March. "I don't consider myself a politician. I'm just there to do a job," he said.

Fox would not predict the outcome of the April 12th annual election but said he has support and encouragement from members of both parties.

Selectmen Commend Wolfe, Police For Hostage Handling

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen are sending a letter of commendation to Police Chief Charles Wolfe and officers involved in a recent shooting-hostage situation here. The board said both the chief and his men treated the situation expertly.

"They acted in a very professional manner in handling the extremely dangerous situation," said Selectmen Chairman Russell Fox, adding, "They should know we appreciate them."

The board's commendation refers to a February 13th incident involving a former local man, George Stolinas, who allegedly entered his wife's apartment on 56 Berkshire Avenue and held a male hostage for nearly an hour. Police said gun shots were fired at the time, although no one was injured.

Stolinas reportedly gave himself up and has been arraigned on several charges including assault with a deadly weapon, assault and battery, breaking and entering in the nighttime, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling.

The board is also sending commendations to the Highway Department and hired plow operators for the "many, many hours" worked during and after last week's blizzard to keep town roads open for traffic.

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Class of 1983 Will "Walk Down The Hill"

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: In a unanimous decision Tuesday, the School Committee voted to allow high school graduation ceremonies to be held outdoors this spring, overturning an administrative decision to hold graduation in the gym.

The committee felt that a strong feeling of tradition is held by both students and local residents to have the annual ceremony on the soccer field as in past years. A delegation of seniors from the high school presented the committee with a petition signed by nearly 50 residents supporting the outdoor ceremony. At an earlier committee meeting, the seniors had asked the committee to consider this issue.

The administration wanted to hold the graduation ceremonies indoors because according to School Superintendent Louis Josselyn, "there is a picnic atmosphere" in an outdoor ceremony.

In the past, he said, the ceremonies have been disturbed by persons drinking and making noise on the sidelines. Josselyn also noted that there was the factor of weather to consider.

According to school officials, about 900 persons can be seated in the school gym. Allowing seats for dignitaries, the band, and graduates, there are still ample invitations available for each student, Josselyn said. Seniors maintain that the gym in June becomes very hot and stuffy making both graduates and spectators uncomfortable.

It was also noted in a letter from Class of 1978 President, Linda Molta, that students do much of the work in preparing the field for the ceremony. In the event of rain, she said, the ceremony can easily be moved into the gym, which is still set-up from the previous day's awards ceremony.

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department in the upcoming budget requests. Mrs. Whiting noted, however, that she has always requested more funding, but it has been pared down as with the present year's allotment.

She said her department usually ranks low in local priorities for allocating additional funds. "We do with little and make do with less," she said.

At a meeting later Wednesday, the Finance Committee approved the \$800 request.

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After several weeks of consideration, selectmen have granted a business license to Roseanne Ford of West Suffield to operate a craft shop at 801 College Highway. The board delayed granting the license because a Class 2 permit for sale of used cars is held at the same location. The board felt the two businesses were not compatible.

Town Counsel John Burke noted that when the Class 2 license was granted a few years ago, the property had been split and "artificially designated" as two parcels, 801 and 801A, for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. At that time a gas station was also operating at the location.

The board granted the license under the conditions that a diagram of the land use be filed with the board and that property owner Pasquale Lamagna of West Springfield have the empty gas storage tanks permanently sealed for safety.

The craft shop, "DeRose Creations," will operate on a daily basis from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ms. Ford plans to open immediately. Pat's Auto Sales will continue to operate adjacent to the store with a four-car limit as in the past.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

By Capt. Robert Williams
Suffield Police Dept.



The department has completed its computation of motor vehicle accidents for the calendar year 1982. A total of 326 accidents occurred during the year, and some interesting trends became obvious.

Sixty-five percent of the accidents occurred on state highways within the town. East Street was the location of the majority of accidents with Mountain Road second. The largest number of accidents occurred on Saturdays, followed by Thursdays.

As was expected, the heaviest concentration of accidents occurred between 4 and 5 p.m., 11 to 12 p.m., and 7 to 8 a.m. The age group of 16 to 21 year-old drivers accounted for 40% of the accidents and when the age group is expanded to include drivers up to the age of 27, then 69% of all accidents are accounted for. The accidents resulted in 132 injuries and six deaths during the year.

By compiling these statistics, the Suffield Police Department is able to implement a more selective traffic enforcement program which places emphasis on peak locations, streets, age groups which have shown a greater probability of being a factor. There were exactly the same number of one-car accidents as two-car accidents which indicates that many accidents are a result of operator inattentiveness.

Even with an increased traffic flow within town, use of radar and other enforcement activities over the last year resulted in only two more accidents occurring in 1982 than in 1981. We experienced 28 fewer people injured in 1982 than in 1981, but we suffered three more deaths.

The department will be making adjustments in the hope of reducing the total number of accidents as well as reducing the number of injuries and deaths. Officers will be paying extra attention to the younger, inexperienced drivers who are involved in the majority of accidents.

Rep. Fahrbach Offers Legislative Info

Suffield: Rep. Ruth C. Fahrbach said today she would again be offering her constituents valuable legislative information by making available updated lists of bills under consideration by the legislature and also telephone numbers where district residents may call to learn the status of those bills.

Rep. Fahrbach, a two-term legislator, said she would be leaving lists of legislative bills at several locations in her district, which includes Suffield and portions of East Granby and Windsor. These locations will be at all mayors' and first selectmen's offices, town libraries, and town clerks' offices.

She said, "The list of bills is valuable because it identifies all of the bills that have been introduced and not just the ones that receive publicity."

Anyone wanting to know the status of bills may call the Legislative Data Process Center at 566-5034 or contact Rep. Fahrbach directly at 566-6023.

SSA/N To Offer Subscriptions

For those readers who missed our announcement last week of our upcoming change in circulation format (our February 12th edition on page 9), we will restate our plans here.

After bringing residents of Southwick and Suffield weekly coverage of local affairs and working diligently to establish a reputation for providing accurate, thorough, and relevant information FREE OF CHARGE for 1½ years, we feel the time has come to ask our faithful readers for their support.

For the past year and a half, while we have been bulk-mailing our free newspaper to Southwick residents, Suffield residents have been picking up their copies from local newsstands. During this time, we have been repeatedly asked by those in Suffield to allow them to subscribe to our paper on a yearly basis and thereby ensure regular delivery each week.

Since we cannot charge some readers for our newspaper and give it free to others, and since we feel we have established a broad base of readership at this time, we have decided to begin offering all our readers subscriptions and to cease to make our publication available on a free-of-charge basis.

To this end, we plan to bulk-mail one more issue, that of Saturday, February 26th, to Southwick readers as usual. (To save future confusion, Southwick recipients are asked to make a note of this date.)

Subscriptions for 51 weekly issues will cost only \$8.00 per year and will guarantee mail delivery of all the local news directly to your home each Monday of the year.

Though our subscription campaign plans are still being formulated, readers may be pleased to note that we will be offering the local P.T.O.'s the first opportunity to conduct subscription drives as fundraisers, with \$2.00 of every paid subscription going back to those organizations.

Prior to subscriptions being made available to all our readers, the SSA/N will be available on neighborhood stands free of charge until Saturday, April 2nd, when we will begin asking a nominal 25¢ per paper. Southwick merchants interested in carrying our newspaper are asked to contact this office at 786-8137 or 786-7747.

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By The Suffield Firemen's Assn., Inc.



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Test your detector monthly and when returning home from an absence of seven or more days.

Now would be a good time to review your home fire escape plan!

LEARN NOT TO BURN

Southwick Community News Briefs

By Cheryl Bruno

Southwick: A few months ago, we ran a Community Scrapbook on a spirited and courageous young Southwick High School junior, Michael St. Pierre. We told you of his school, church, and community involvement and of his struggle with an inoperable brain aneurism.

Because of his personality, character, and courage, Michael became very popular with our readers and very dear and special to this reporter. He is now struggling again, fighting another battle with a new aneurism.

Michael is presently a patient in Mercy Hospital, Springfield, and his mother Rita reports that he is now out of intensive care and "hasn't lost his faith in God or his feisty spirit to recover and get on with his life."

Get well wishes go out to Michael from this newspaper, the students and faculty at Southwick High, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Church, and the community of Southwick for a complete and speedy recovery.

Anyone who wishes to send personal greetings may write to Michael at Mercy Hospital or at his home on Berkshire Avenue, Southwick.

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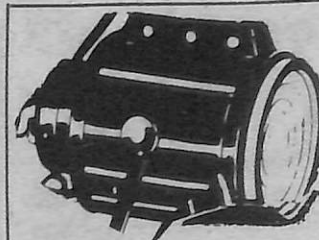
Condolences are extended to the family of Mrs. Ulrike Bourbeau, age 34, who died very suddenly on Monday, February 7th.

Mrs. Bourbeau lived at 50 Granville Road in Southwick with her husband Robert and son Robert, Jr., who is a sophomore at Southwick High School.

Born in Muenster, West Germany, she lived in Southwick for many years and was the secretary of this town's B.O.S.S. group. Following her funeral, her husband and son accompanied her body to her hometown in West Germany for burial.

Mrs. Ginny Typrowicz, president of B.O.S.S., and Mrs. Mary Lapan, vice-president of the group, describe Mrs. Bourbeau as having been a "very caring and dedicated person who was interested in all aspects of the Southwick School System."

Ulrike Bourbeau will be missed by many.



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., Feb. 21: Holiday
Tues., Feb. 22: Kielbasa, baked beans, tomato juice, cherry surprise
Wed., Feb. 23: Yankee pot roast w/gravy, baked potato w/sour cream, sliced carrots, apple
Thurs., Feb. 24: Turkey oriental, steamed rice, cole slaw, pineapple chunks
Fri., Feb. 25: Tuna casserole, green beans almondine, clam chowder, sliced peaches.

Keeping fit in winter can be a challenge, with walking on snow and ice difficult and even dangerous. Try to do more exercise indoors as you go about your day. Build walking, stretching, and reaching into your activities. Instead of having things "convenient," put them "out of the way" so you can use your muscles more.

Eat healthful, low calorie foods to compensate for less activity: fruits, crackers, and breads rather than cakes, cookies, and pastry.

Travel With Isabel

The April 21st trip to the Sheridan-Marriott Hotel in Mansfield, Mass., is drawing near. In addition to a delightful luncheon of either roast chicken or scrod, tripsters will be treated to entertainment by the Harmonicats, recording artists who were famous in the 60's.

Area seniors interested in attending this exciting excursion should get their money in to Mrs. Root no later than Thursday, March 3rd. For more information, call Mrs. Root at 569-6042, but let the telephone ring a few times as she is recuperating from a recent hospital stay. This not-to-be-stopped lady expects to be up and about for this upcoming trip and hopes to have many friends accompany her.

SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

A birthday party for seniors will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd, at Maple Court Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Call 668-0238 to make reservations.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is now open and is taking applications for those persons who feel they have or will need help in paying fuel bills incurred between November 1, 1982 and April 15, 1983.

The program is offered for households with elderly and/or disabled persons as well as those that have low or limited incomes. Contact Mrs. McGuire at the Suffield Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.



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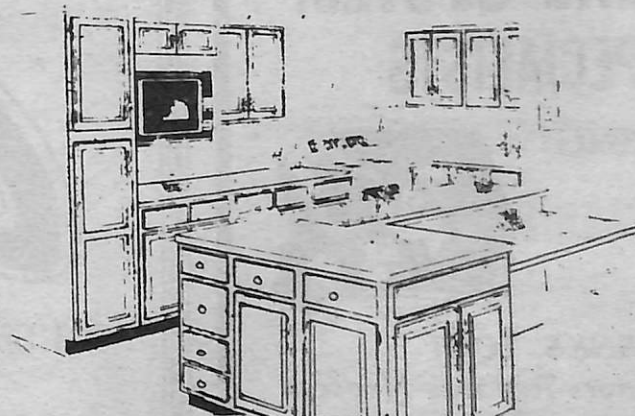
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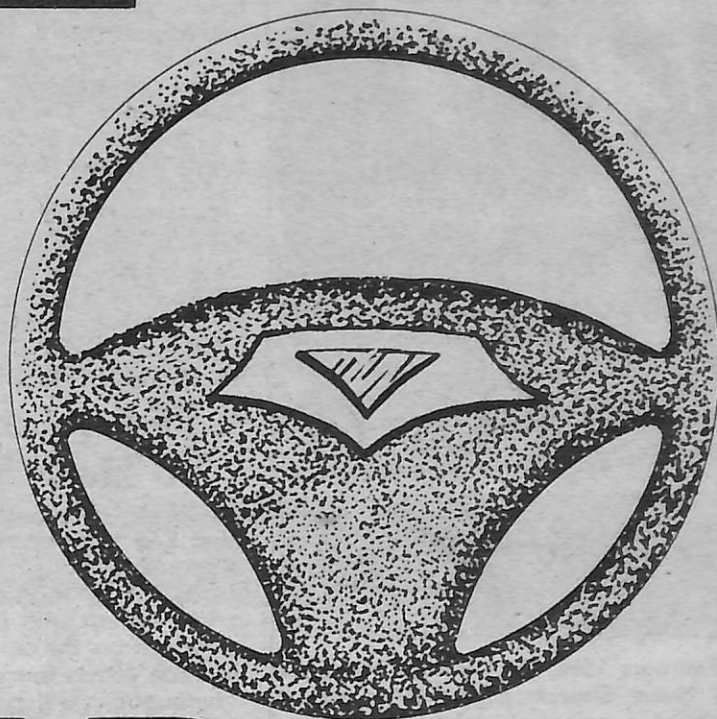
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Wine Expert Visits Guild



ON TUESDAY, February 15th, the Catholic Women's Guild of Sacred Heart Church hosted wine expert Joseph Miller (left) at a valentine celebration in the Parish Hall. Bringing the wine expert to the celebration was arranged by Mickey Spear (center) of Suffield Village Package Store. At right is Maggie Philippon, who arranged the wine tasting program. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

DAR Historical Fact

February is American History Month, and the Daughters of the American Revolution offer this fact in recognition of the occasion.

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Suffield Players Plan Tartuffe

The Suffield Players will be presenting an evening in the Court of Louis XIV of France. The special, shorter adaptation of the popular French farce, *Tartuffe* will open Friday, February 25th and will run on Fridays and Saturdays including February 26th, March 11th & 12th, and March 18th & 19th.

All of the pomp, the color, and the splendor of the period are captured as are the excesses in the witty Moliere play. The arrival of the pious infidel Tartuffe into the house of Orgon sets off a chain of intrigues which threaten to relieve his host of money, property, and wife.

Del Ekenbarger, new to the Players' stage, is cast as Tartuffe, while Roger Ochs plays the ever-gullible Orgon. Also starring in the show are Mary K. Makoski, Bill Munson, Lisa Parker, Craig Parker, Carol Lutz, Kelly Seip, Eunice McMaster-Marcellina, and Steve Parker.

Tickets may be reserved by calling 623-4483. They are \$5, \$4 for students. Seating will be cabaret style.

FFA Alumni Association To Hear Waterman Speak

Suffield: The Suffield FFA Alumni Association will host Earl Waterman, Connecticut's Commissioner of Agriculture, at its meeting on Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vo-Ag Center, 350 Mountain Road.

Waterman will address the group on farmland preservation, the outlook of agriculture in Connecticut, and the young farmer's getting started in agriculture. The public is welcome to attend.

For further information, call the Suffield Regional Vocational Agriculture Center at 668-5355.

Southwick Grange To Meet

The next regular meeting of the Southwick Grange will be held Tuesday, February 22nd, at 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Frederick Hepburn, master, will preside at the regular business meeting.

Southwick Grange Musical Night has been slated to follow the business meeting. Mark Davis will play a selection of tunes, and Ruth Seibert and Bertha Wilson accompanied by Cynthia Seibert on the piano will sing television commercials.

Refreshments will be served by MaryAnn and Bob Artisan, Dodie and Lee Hamberg, and Frederick Rutka.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Feb. 21: Washington's Birthday, Town Hall closed; Prepared Childbirth class, 7, Emergency Aid Building; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart Church hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's Church hall.

Tues., Feb. 22: Children's "Barcode Special" at library throughout week. Suffield children who bring their library cards to be barcoded or who bring already bar-coded cards will receive a McDonald's certificate.

Film "Benji" at library, 1:30; AARP, 2, Sacred Heart Church; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, St. Joseph's Church hall, 7; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall.

Wed., Feb. 23: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Road, will be open Wed. & Thurs. 10:30-11:30 and Fri. & Sat. 10-11; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Republican Town Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Suffield Grange 27, East St. Firestation, 8.

Thurs., Feb. 24: Film "Benji" at library 10 a.m.; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church Hall.

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 25 & 26: Suffield Players' production "Tartuffe," 8 p.m., Mapleton Hall. For tickets, call 623-4483.

Local Ballerina Dances At UMass

Southwick-native Tracy Lemieux of 8 Longyard Road is currently making a tour of the New England states with the Washington Ballet under the direction of Mary Day, co-founder and artistic director of the organization. Included in the tour was last Monday's appearance at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Ms. Lemieux has been a member of the Connecticut Valley Regional Ballet, was trained by Margerite de Anguera, and is currently studying at the Washington School of Ballet. She toured Italy last season and just returned from performing in Singapore with the Washington Ballet.

Ms. Lemieux danced the leading role in one of Choo San Goh's new ballets. Mr. Choo San Goh is the well-known choreographer from the Dutch National Ballet now serving as company choreographer for the Washington Ballet.

Two contemporary ballets were on the program along with the Grand Pas de Deux from "Sleeping Beauty," choreographed by Marius Petipa to music by Tchaikovsky, and the "Pas de Quatre" choreographed by Jules Perrot with Cesare Pugni's music.

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Suffield Inn Recalls "Old Suffield Village" With Photo Display

By Pat Barnes

If one were to write an article, dateline it "Suffield," and begin to describe the Smith Hotel on Depot Street, many readers might question the accuracy of the reporter. The Smith Hotel? On Depot Street? In Suffield?

Such questions would not be likely to come from longtime residents of the town, however, or from recent patrons of the Suffield Inn.

What the old-timers and recent diners have in common is their familiarity with Suffield's past. The former have lived through part of it, and the latter have been taken back through the years via the collection of old photographs displayed within the Suffield Inn by owners Paul and Jean Kulas.

Rare Photographs Adorn Walls

Over forty old and rare photographs, some dating as far back as the 1700's, adorn the walls of the hallway which separates the front dining area from the inn's larger dining room in the rear. Although most depict Suffield scenes during the 1800's, other surrounding towns are represented as well.

The old Smith Hotel (which stood where the Amoco station is now located on Mountain Road, formerly called Depot Street), North Main Street in 1880, Suffield Center around the same period, the Gay Manse in 1885 and in 1742 are only a few of the photographs in the collection.

Apparently patrons of the inn have shown a great deal of interest in the display. According to Jean Kulas, many older, longtime Suffield residents will gaze at a particular photograph and begin to reminisce about how things were "back then." Younger and more recent visitors to the inn marvel at the changes in Suffield in the last 150 years.

History Reflected In Art

In addition to the photographs, Kulas' interest in Suffield's past is further evidenced by a large painting in the front dining area. Kulas commissioned Suffield artist John Bokeny to do the painting, a large watercolor of Suffield's Main Street business district as it appeared before the redevelopment project. The painting has a certain personal nostalgic value for Kulas, who grew up in the second-floor apartment above one of the grocery stores depicted in the painting.

Suffield's rich agricultural past is given attention in the bar area of the inn where a display of early tobacco farming implements decorates the wall. Also of interest in this same room is the back bar, salvaged from the old Smith Hotel.

Kulas' interest in Suffield's history is a relatively recent one, although his family goes back in the town many years. His uncle ran the inn when it was a beer tavern in the early 1900's.

"Cupidors and spittoons were used in those days," Kulas recalls. "No women were allowed in, and the men drank, played cards, and raised hell," he adds.

Tavern Expanded To Restaurant

In 1945, a full liquor license was obtained and a very limited menu introduced. It wasn't until about 1960 that Paul Kulas took over the inn's management, enlarged the building, and made food a major focus. A recent three-star rating from television Channel 22's food critic attests to Kulas' success in that area.

Kulas feels that the inn is a perfect setting for the old photographs and memorabilia. He is interested in enlarging his collection and in being able to change the display from time to time.

For those who enjoy a trip down memory lane or a look at how things were in the "good ole days," a visit to the Suffield Inn is in order. While the bartender mixes your drink or the kitchen prepares your meal, treat yourself to a large helping of nostalgia. It's on the house!

Feeding Hills Church Slates Benefit Card Party

Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, has scheduled a card party to take place at the parish center on Thursday, February 24th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A donation of \$1.50 per person will be asked.

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, the evening will include prizes and refreshments. All proceeds will benefit the group's scholarship fund.

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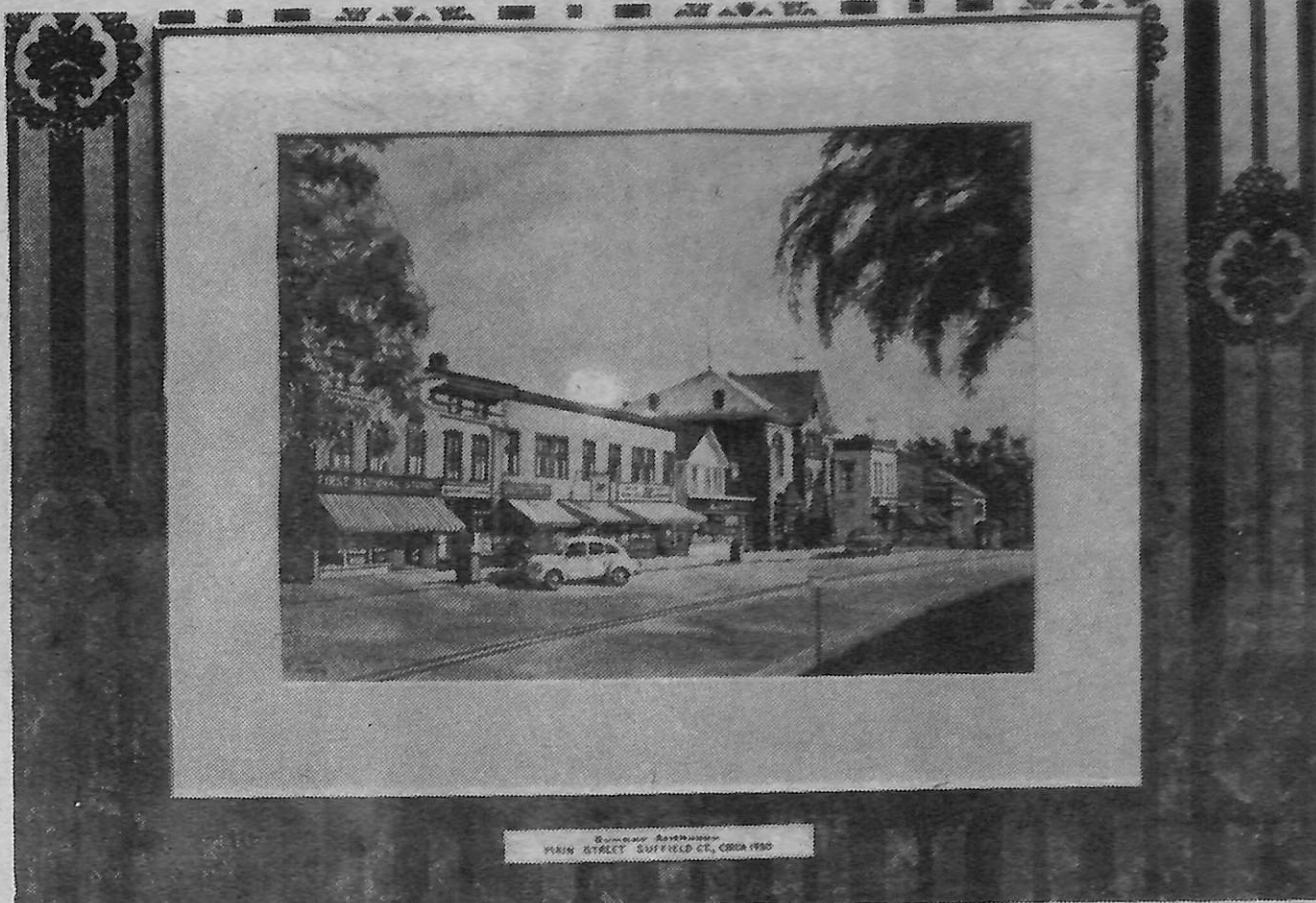
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PWP Elects Officers

Following a potluck supper and general membership meeting held February 17th, Chapter 990 of Parents Without Partners elected new officers for the upcoming year.

The following individuals were elected to the board: Joanne Boulay, president; Myrt Meunier, vice-president; Susan Gillan, treasurer; Susan Watling, secretary; Gracia Tomasso, membership director; Herb Everett, adult activities director; Marg Wright, family activities director; Penny Stone, public information director; Ginny Hebert, newsletter editor; Tony Gogins, chairman of ethics and grievance; Edna Kelly, vice-chairman of ethics and grievance; Bob Knight, community service director; and Bill Dydowicz, ways and means director.

Installation of these officers will take place at a candlelight ceremony at Betty's Old Towne House on the corner of Springfield and Walnut Streets in Agawam on Saturday, March 19th. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 and a smorgasbord dinner will follow at 7:30. Installation will follow that.

Music from "Memories in Motion" will round out the evening with Bob Knight's hit songs from the last three decades. The dance is open to the public with a \$2 donation asked to cover expenses.

For more information regarding P.W.P., call 562-5039 or attend a weekly orientation meeting any Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Polish American Clubhouse, Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

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Musical Godspell Coming To Southwick High In May

The rock musical *Godspell* is coming to Southwick. A fine cast composed of young adults and high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will present the play on May 13, 14, and 15 in the Southwick High auditorium.

Numerous fundraisers are being planned to help defray the costs of the production. Anyone interested in volunteering his/her expertise or stagehand muscle may contact Mrs. Pat Campagnari at 569-5028.

The play has been cast and has a fine lineup of players, directors, production staff, and musical directors. All have very impressive backgrounds.

Watch this paper in the coming weeks for more details on this spectacular production.

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SCHOOL NEWS



SPAULDING SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PERFORMED skits in the recent "Nutrition Dinner" program are, from left - Jessica Wysocki, Polly Unsaturated Fat; Santosha Olden, Limber Jane; Kristian Rhein, Captain Cardiac; Courtney Wilson, Miss Heartfelt; Traci Goodsell, announcer; Dwayne Scott, Guy Wise; Dina Levantis, Charlene Cholesterol; and Meg Galetta, Ciggy Rhett. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



MCALISTER SCHOOL STUDENT JOHN KARANIAN (left) receives the "Little Scholar Award" from Coach Chip Riley. The presentation is sponsored by the Pop Warner Midget Football League. John is a Marbern Drive resident. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Local Youth Wins Little Scholar Award

Suffield: John Karanian, 13-year-old McAlister Middle School high honors student who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Karanian of Marbern Drive, was a recent recipient of a "Little Scholar Award."

The presentation is sponsored by the Pop Warner Midget Football League, a national organization headquartered in Philadelphia. Though other boys from the Central Connecticut area have been nominated, John is the first to actually receive the award.

Nominated by John Riley, the coach of his Enfield-based football team, John was one of only fifteen to win this award from the New England region. Contestants were required to write six essays on topics encompassing their interest and experience in the football league.

In addition to winning the scholarship award, John was chosen Most Valuable Player on his team last fall for his contributions on the field at fullback, defensive end, and punter.

The Pop Warner Midget Football League is open to youngsters 9 to 14 years of age and runs from August to November.

E.A.A. Offers Scholarship For Prospective Nurse

Suffield: The Emergency Aid Association (Visiting Nurse Association) will offer a scholarship for nursing or associated medical field aspirant. Applicants must have a high school diploma, be a Suffield resident, and have been accepted by an accredited school.

For further information, call 668-0211. Scholarship application forms and interviews must be completed by April 15th.

Application forms are available at the E.A.A., 450 South Street, Suffield.

Students' Knowledge Of Nutrition Displayed

By Lisa Pawelcik

Suffield: Fifth-grade students enthusiastically exhibited their knowledge of nutrition and the risk factors of heart disease at Spaulding School's third annual nutritional dinner held Thursday, February 10th. Approximately 45 students were involved in the multi-faceted program led by teachers Richard Foley and Carole Fricke.

During the past 16 weeks, the fifth-graders participated in discussions and activities relevant to nutrition, drug education, and the human body. A police officer, a pharmacist, and a representative from Alcoholics Anonymous were among the speakers who led the discussions. Keeping the classes activity-centered, combined with good parent cooperation, helped to insure the success of the program.

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Thursday evening's program was off to a good start with parents contributing nutritional dishes to a buffet-style dinner. Students opened the entertainment segment of the program by imitating commercials. In one short skit, one youngster proclaimed, "I love the caffeine; it's the coffee I can do without!"

A puppet show entitled "Huff 'n Puff," a parody of "The Three Little Pigs" story, depicted the dangers of cigarette smoking. During the performance, the Big Bad Wolf, a heavy smoker, approaches the pigs' house and tries to suck air into his sickly lungs, but gets dizzy and collapses.

The awareness program at Spaulding School was specifically designed to acquaint youngsters with the side effects of smoking, hopefully before they are pressured into experimenting themselves. One fifth-grader, Kristian Rhein, summed it up for many of his classmates, saying, "If you smoke, it can ruin your lungs."

Later in the students' performance of the musical play "The Magnificent Pump," Kristian portrayed the character called Captain Cardiac. He and other students portraying such roles as Miss Heartfelt, Guy Wise, Charlie Cholesterol, Polly Unsaturated Fat, Ciggy-Rett, and Limber Jack related the multiple risk factors of heart disease. A chorus accompanied these characters by singing short rhymes about the dangers of cholesterol and the benefits of exercise. Students rounded out the play declaring, "Take good care of your heart and your heart will take care of you."

As an adjunct to the program, fifth-graders also made health posters and conducted experiments testing strength and flexibility, eye and hand coordination, balance and peripheral vision all of which parents enjoyed.

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Although this was only the third such dinner, the subjects of the human body and drug awareness have been an important part of the curriculum for six years. The purpose of the educational program is to supply students with facts and to inform them of choices available to them.

Teacher Richard Foley explains, "What we've attempted to do is give the kids information they can take with them for the rest of their lives. In other words, we hope to help kids make educated choices."

Last year Mr. Foley and Ms. Fricke, joined by fellow teacher Gail Lynch, received the Professional Recognition Award at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven for this annual project. The award is given to health and physical education programs in the state which contribute far more than the curriculum requires.

The program will continue during the spring semester with the rest of the fifth-grade population participating.

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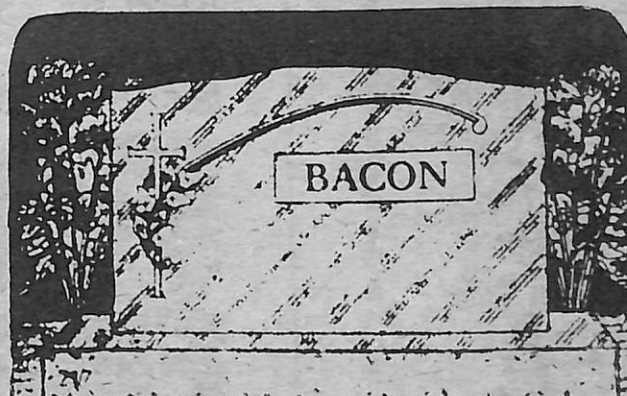
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PACE Helps Bring Variety To Powder Mill Pupils

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: The auditorium is alive with music; the home economics room is scented with chocolate; the cafeteria is humming with imaginary dragons and magic; and the library is quiet except for the sounds of dice and tiles moving on backgammon boards. Thus one will find Powder Mill School on a typical Wednesday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Sponsored by PACE (Parents and Concerned Educators), these programs offer students an opportunity to try certain activities which would not normally be available to them.

An aerobics class is instructed by Dee Gunn, nutritionist and certified aerobics instructor. Dee has choreographed the Figures and Fitness program for eleven salons and has taught several groups of all ages.

Working with middle-school aged children is a first for her, and she is really enjoying the experience.

"These students have a lot of interest, and, of course, they enjoy dancing without having to think about losing weight," she states.

Petite and perky, Dee does not let the fact that she is eight months pregnant detract from her classes. She still does every exercise along with the group and stimulates extra enthusiasm from the forty girls in her class.

Down the hall, fifteen youngsters chocolate-coat pretzels, make peanut butter cups and colored lollipops, and hardly ever lick the spoons. Terry Burdick and Monica Valente, owners of Sweet Idea of Southwick, teach the proper techniques for making candy that will look as good as it tastes.

Student Suzanne Sena exclaims, "I get to eat everything, and it's very inexpensive too! What a great class!"

to play from fighter to thief to magician. Different levels of expertise make the tasks a constant challenge.

The chess class is taught by eighth-grader Michael Zacchera and involves fourteen players. Some have never played the classic board game prior to this class, but now they are all enjoying planning strategy to checkmate their opponents.

Backgammon, another board game which is instructed by Powder Mill School Principal Herbert Pace, is also popular with many students who are in need of a fresh partner or who simply want to learn the game.

The variety and organization of the after-school activities at Powder Mill School keep youngsters coming back for more. Instructors who enjoy their work and have much to offer students make the program a genuine success.

Although volunteer parents supervise the activities, most of the students' energies are channeled into enjoying this hour each week and experiencing new learning along the way.

Suffield "Southeast" Guidance

By Stu Fuller
Guidance Chairman
Suffield High School

Semester two is well underway and student schedules established. The February edition of the Suffield High Guidance Newsletter was attached to report cards and contained information on seniors, scholarships, "Friends on Campus," scheduling, etc. If for some reason the letter didn't reach your homes, you may call the guidance office for one, as long as supplies last.

College representatives continue to visit the guidance office and often visit classes directly. Recently, both the art and business departments had visiting speakers and invited those interested in the high school to take part.

The guidance staff will begin "building" 1983-84 schedules with the Class of '84 on March 7th. Hopefully, everyone in the class has made an appointment to schedule. This is also the time for those in '84 or '85 to check into vocational options for next year; the data processing, machinist, and electronics programs at Asnuntuck (part of the Cheney Voc Tech Satellite Program) are excellent opportunities for interested students.

We hope students will take advantage of the February vacation to get a head start on those reports and papers due this semester, especially seniors!

Along with our recent snowstorm came a "dusting" of college acceptances. Congratulations to the following seniors:

Andy Davis, UConn; Linda Biggerstaff, UConn Nursing Program; Gene Barberi, New Hampshire College; Kevin Brown, SUNY Cobleskill College; Rusty Colson, Wyoming Technical Inst.; Tom Fitch, Ward School of Electronics-University of Hartford;

Rich Dilko, UConn; Chelen Edwards, UConn, business major; Jeff Bollinger, STCC; Russ Fricke, University of North Carolina for Business at Charlotte; Bob Butler, Southern and the Mass. College of Pharmacy; David Dixon, Central Connecticut;

Melissa Ives, Virginia Tech.; Chris Lafond, UConn-liberal arts; Sue Kolls, Washington College and University of Maine at Orono; Kate Deger, UConn; Sue Spulick, Castleton; Greg Stagg, College of Environmental Science and Forestry at SUNY.

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PLAYING "DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS" as part of the PACE program at Powder Mill are students, from left - Stephen Griffin, Tom LaBranche, Jamie Morse, Howard Mason and Donald Dold. Standing - Teddi Herbele (teacher) and Cindy Stevens (program director). Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

On the less fattening side of after-school activities, the popular game Dungeons and Dragons gives participants an opportunity to stretch their imaginations. Dungeon Masters Matthew Howe and Jamie Morse direct players through various situations, and the fantasy role-playing offers the youngsters numerous parts



PLAYING CHESS AT POWDER MILL SCHOOL AS PART OF THE PACE program are students Gus Brewer (left) and Michael Zacchera. Claire Olinski (middle) supervises the game. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Suffield High Students In Music Concert

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield: Six Suffield High School students had the privilege of taking part in the Northern Region Connecticut Music Educators Association's 20th Festival Concert on Saturday, February 5, at Bristol Central High School.

The festival consisted of a band, jazz ensemble, orchestra and chorus, of which the Suffield students took part in the band and chorus only.

Sophomore clarinetist Marsha Anastasia and junior saxophonist Irene Beresford were both members of the regional band, conducted by David Smith. The band performed Richards' "Emblem of Unity," "La Fiesta Mexicana" by Reed, and "Finale from Symphony No. 5" by Shostakovich. Smith can be found directing wind and percussion ensembles at Western Connecticut State College.

The chorus was directed by international conductor Alexander Dashnaw, who has conducted choruses in Western Europe, England and Wales, as well as in Mexico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Tenor Paul Stafford, altos Debbie Case and Stephanie Williams, and soprano Amanda Hastings were all part of the chorus of approximately 160 members which performed "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Faure and Beethoven's "Mass in C Major."

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Collections (Grade 4 & 5): Joylynn Croup, 1st; John Davis, 2nd; Christopher Redfern, 3rd

Collections (Grade 6, 7, & 8): Brian Redfern, 1st; James Beaulieu, 2nd; Beth Girotti, 3rd

Miscellaneous: Heather Grady, 1st; Daniel Arnold, 2nd; Steven Phillips, 3rd

Rec Center Dance Set

A dance for high school students will take place at the Southwick Rec Center building on Saturday, February 26th, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Rock music will be provided by MBS Productions and the snack bar will be open. Admission is \$2.50 per student and some "great" albums will be given out as door prizes.

Sign-ups for the summer programs will take place on Sundays, February 20th and 27th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please try to make these sign-ups, because a late fee will have to be charged after February 27th.

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MEMBERS OF THE SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS TEAM ARE, from left, fourth row - Judy Newhall, Kristin Coffin. Third row - Coach Becky Robinson, Linda Biggerstaff, manager; Kim Kochart, Lynn Kolnsberg (captain), Jill Wentworth (captain), Debbie Hickey, Monica Llamas, Coach Beth Wright, and Michelle Bulat, manager. Second row - Autumn Ducker, Mimi Dion, Meda Wilcox, Marsha Anastasia, Lisa Coatti, Cindy Hefflon. Front - Cari Baumert, Cindy Wills, Tracey Benoit, Linda Meiberg, and Vevana Hoene. The Wildcats own a more than respectable 5-5 record. Missing is Kirsten Little who was injured at the time. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Suffield Gymnasts Tri-Meet Winners

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield High's girls' gymnastics team came out on top in a tri-meet at East Windsor against the Panthers and Buckley High on February 16th.

Suffield totaled 94.70 points, while East Windsor tallied 88.60 and Buckley brought up the rear with 71.25.

Suffield's top scorer in all events was, as usual, Tracey Benoit. The petite sophomore scored 7.9 on vault, 6.6 on bars, 6.75 on beam, and 7.7 on floor.

East Windsor's high scorer on bars, beam and floor was Edie Mickey, with 6.65, 5.7 and 7.95 respectively.

For Buckley, one strong vaulter, Joanne Johnson, stands out from a myriad of low scores, with an 8.2. She scored higher than her teammates in the three remaining events, with a 3.45 on bars, 6.95 on beam, and 4.8 on floor.

Suffield was strongest on vault, with the three remaining scorers being Jill Woodworth with a 7.7, Meda Wilcox with a 6.9, and Linda Meiberg, with a 5.9.

Suffield's record now stands at 5-5 and they will meet South Windsor at home at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23rd.

Wildcats Stab Spartans In Schoolboy Hoop

By Mary Beth Prew

The Suffield Wildcats tromped the Somers Spartans in Suffield on February 15th. The Wildcats came through with an all-out surge of points during the fourth quarter to stab the Spartans 61-47.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was very close. Suffield's Ted Lyons dropped in quite a few points, while David Sullivan collected points for his outstanding speed and ability to maneuver lay-ups. The buzzer left Somers trailing by just two points, 10-8.

During the second period, Suffield pulled ahead, only to be caught again by the Somers basketball boys. Working at the basket for Suffield were Lyons and Roger Hawes. The Wildcats showed they could work as a team, too. A quick pass to Jim Danise, then to Sullivan and on to Hawes was a common occurrence. Larry Lopez took advantage of two jump balls during this quarter. The teams left the floor with the scoreboard registering 24 Suffield points, and 22 for Somers.

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Suffield Hoop - From Page 12...

Suffield fell asleep at the start of the third quarter, and the Spartans claimed 16 points that period. Lyons performed some eye-openers, scoring four points back to back, while Sullivan sprinted to draw two on a quick lay-up. At the end of the period, it was Suffield 34-Somers 38.

Suffield tallied 27 points in the final period, most of them the result of team effort. Sullivan handed the ball off to Russ Fricke, who passed it to Lyons for a lay-up that was followed through by Hawes. This kind of teamwork paid off. Fouls began accumulating near the end of the game, with Sullivan making five out of six, and Fricke three of four.

When the game was over, Suffield coach Fran Aniello commented, "They didn't really give us a break until the final eight minutes. The kids played a heck of a last quarter."

The leading scorer for the Spartans was Jeff Bond with 24 points. He was the only Spartan player in double digits. For Suffield, Lyons chipped in 22 points, followed closely by Hawes with 20. Sullivan had some beautiful lay-ups for 12 points. Fricke chalked up five tallies, and Tom Molleur netted two points.

After an earlier game on February 11th, the Wildcats thought, "What better way to spend a Friday night than to ride home on a cold bus in the middle of the biggest blizzard of the season all the way from Tolland after a victory?" The bus driver was probably not delighted, but the Suffield basketball squad and cheerleaders had a great deal to celebrate. The Wildcats had poured out 60 points to the dribble of 38 for the Tolland Eagles.

Fricke awed the fans, leading Suffield scorers with 17 points. Hawes nailed in 13 points for the evening, while Lyons and Ray Young paced at 10 points apiece. Molleur found two baskets for four points, followed by Andy Davis, Rick Lindau and Sullivan with two each.

High scorer for the Tolland home team was Tim Forbush, who chipped in eight points for the opponents.

Cats Near Tourney Berth

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield girl's basketball team, in coach Robert Cecchini's absence, went 1-1 under temporary coach, Mary Jane Doyon, defeating Granby on February 9th, but losing to Tolland on February 11th.

Doyon, a graduate and former basketball player for Suffield High, is normally the junior varsity coach for Suffield. However, she did a fine job in leading Suffield's varsity to a 42-30 victory over the Granby Bears.

Sharon Buge was high scorer for Granby with 12, followed by Carolyn Sarr with 8. Sue Christenson, Jan O'Meara, Laurie Jones, Mary Calhoun and Betty Gramer combined for the team's 10 remaining points.

Despite foul trouble, with Wentworth and Debbie Lownds fouling out by the end of the game, Suffield maintained a measurable lead throughout the contest. Ahead 12-7 by the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats lengthened their lead to 26-14 at the half. Granby was unable to catch their opponents, who were out in front 37-21 at the third quarter mark. From there, Suffield coasted to an impressive 42-30 victory.

Against Tolland, Suffield didn't fare quite as well, as they lost 52-33. The Eagles led by only 2 after the first quarter, but lengthened their lead to 29-16 by half-time. By the third quarter, Tolland was way out in front 43-24 and finally ran away with an easy victory.

Leahan was again tops for Suffield with 16, while Beth and Meg Glime, Wentworth, Lisa Gebhart and Lownds combined for the team's remaining 17 points.

Cindy Wrobel was Tolland's leader with 11 points, followed by Christy Mezai and Kristen Huff with 10 apiece. Aileen O'Neil and Denise Dwyer chipped in 6 apiece, while Kate Sherry, Merry Tuller and Laura Romeo scraped together 9 points between them.

Suffield copped 7 out of 12 free throws, while Tolland sank 10 out of 18.

Coach Doyon, under Mr. "C's" jurisdiction, said the girls did "basically what Mr. 'C' wanted them to."

She says, "The games went very well, especially against Granby. They have the defense, but not enough offense. They don't get enough points."

However, it looks as if the Suffield Wildcats will have one of the coveted four places in the NCCC playoffs and will meet an opponent still to be determined on Monday, February 21st, at Ellington High School at 8:00 p.m.

SOUTHWICK RECREATION CENTER

By Cindy-Meaney-Massai

The Southwick Rec Center is dependent upon people to volunteer their time in order for the various programs to be successful. We are very fortunate to have a great group of people now that are giving their time and effort to the Rec Center programs. To those wonderful people, the Rec Center is very grateful.

It seems, however, that this same group is involved in all of the Rec Center functions. There is just so much time one person can give. In order to develop new programs at the Rec Center and to keep the current programs running successfully, we are going to need many more volunteers.

The Rec Center asks all the citizens of Southwick to think about this and see if a few hours of their time could be volunteered to the Rec Center. The amount of time volunteered could be a few hours a week, a few hours a month, or even a few hours a year! We would be grateful for any time that is given! The sport programs are always in need of volunteers. The biggest problem we have now, however, is manning our Wednesday night bingo games. Rec Center bingo is our largest fundraiser and it is necessary to keep it running smoothly. This is very hard to do when there is a shortage of workers.

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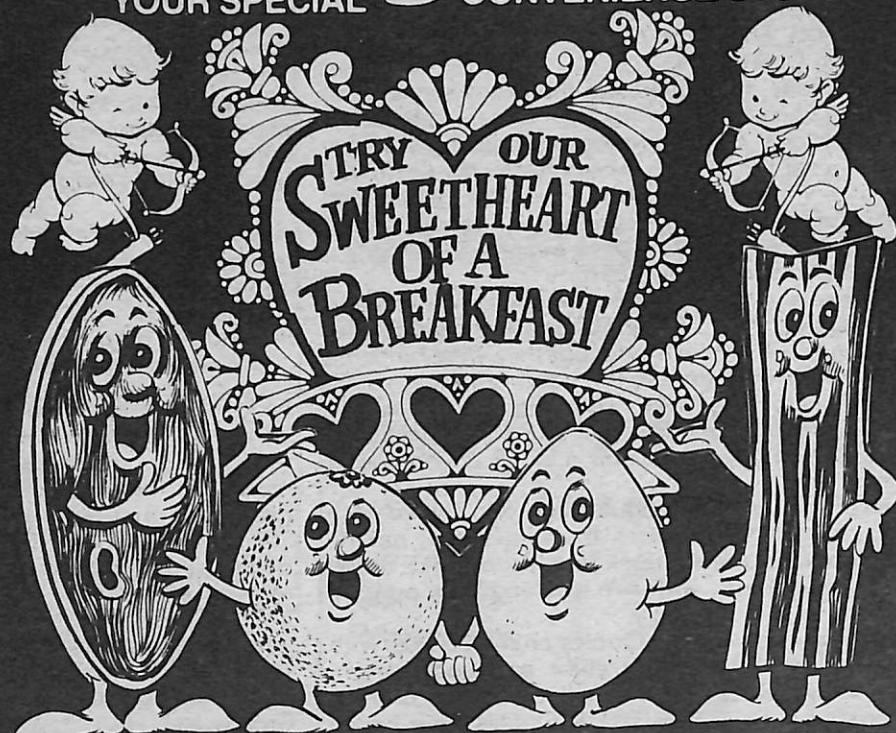
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Rams On Top Of Division E Race; Gear For Tourney

By Bob Hrycay

With wins over St. Mary's and Belchertown, plus a little help from Gateway, the Southwick High boys' basketball team rests atop the Division E standings with the Western Mass tournament just around the corner.

The Rams made the leap to first place by beating the Saints 64-44 at Southwick on the blizzard evening of February 11th. That night Monson fell to second place by losing to Gateway.

Last Tuesday at Belchertown the Rams survived an atrocious 32 percent shooting night to get by the cellar dwelling Orioles 60-44. Noting his ballclub's sleepy outing against the Orioles whom the Rams destroyed 89-47 at home January 14th, Southwick coach Bob Lawless commented, "We sure weren't ready to play tonight, and we can't afford to be beaten by anybody if we're going to win the division."

The winners got 13 points each from Jason Lobo and Todd Typrowicz, 11 apiece by Jim Bruno and Mark Gibson, and six by Mike Molta, but they were hindered by a startling inability to hit easy followup shots, especially in the first half. The Orioles crept within 12-10 early in the second quarter, but three buckets by hustling Gibson gave the Rams a 27-18 advantage at the break.

Seven points and four rebounds by Lobo helped push the lead up to 49-28 after three quarters, as the vaunted Ram fast break attack finally took hold. Bruno pumped in six points, with two resulting from a Molta steal.

The Rams wiped out the Orioles on the boards, with Molta grabbing 13, Gibson eight and Lobo seven. Molta and Typrowicz added four steals apiece, and the latter passed out six assists. The Orioles were paced with 15 points each by George Trusz and Brad Moreau.

Though unhappy with his club's letdown against the Orioles, Lawless had plenty to cheer about in the big victory over the Saints.

A 10-point outburst by Molta in the final quarter

Wildcats' Track Team Falls In Tri-Meet

By Mary Beth Prew

The Suffield High School Indoor Track team traveled to Glastonbury on February 10 for a late night adventure. The locals fell behind Glastonbury 106 to 12, and in their efforts, scored 44 points to Windsor Locks' 72.

In the first field event, the Wildcats roared ahead, as Art Cockett, a Suffield senior, threw the winning shot-put 12.49 meters.

Local teammate, Kenny Mather, unveiled a 9.77 meter toss, and Jay Osoweicki thrust a 9.11 meter shot, taking seventh and eighth places respectively for Suffield. Bill McQuilland and Matt Monette, representing the Wildcats' junior varsity team, achieved throws of 6.60 meters and 7.50 meters.

In the pole vault, Suffield fell hard literally. All three Suffield competitors were injured in this event. Bryon

Bob Evans did the Fosbury Flop at the high jump for a third place, five-foot jump. Brian Mandirola finished

Southwick Varsity Gals Up League Mark: 10-1

By Bob Hrycay

There's one thing that can be said about the Southwick High girls hoopsters - whether they're playing brilliantly or badly, they're scary.

It took nearly two quarters for Jim Vincent's Rams to grease the gears at home last Thursday against Easthampton, but a fine second half gave Southwick a 60-49 victory.

Fifteen first half turnovers by the Rams and poor shooting by both teams were two reasons the Eagles stayed close.

The Eagles climbed within 8-7 early in the second quarter until the Southwick frontline of Robin Schools, Avola Brown, and Cindy Lapan got untracked.

Schools took a fine feed from Alison Hiers from the key to put the Rams up by six. Later, confidently clapping her hands for the ball, she nailed down a terrific 18-footer, then swished a 30-footer from the right wing at the buzzer to widen the margin to 24-15 at the station break. She registered 10 points in that quarter and finished with 14.

Regardless of Schools' heroics, it wasn't a first half to remember. Vincent used the silent treatment on his girls during the halftime break, saying, "I figured we played so badly, why holler and get upset? They knew what they had to do in the second half."

His patience paid off in the final 16 minutes, and key-

broke open what had been a 35-31 nail-biter. He finished with 20 points to lead all scorers. Contributing to the fourth quarter surge were Lobo and Bruno with five apiece, as the Rams outscored the Saints 29-13 in the final eight minutes. Lobo finished with 16 points, and Stu Arnold added 10. Brian Thompson and Brian Begley led the Saint attack with 14 and 11 points respectively.

This Tuesday night the Rams will try to extend their long winning streak in Huntington against Gateway, in what should be a tough scrap. On Friday, Feb. 25th the Rams close out the regular season at home with lowly Granby.

Lawless had this warning for his ballclub after the Belchertown game: "Anybody can beat you when you try and take the night off." With Lawless cracking the whip, look for the Rams to roll to impressive victories to gear up for the tourney.

ing the third quarter drive was nine points by sophomore guard Emma Brunton, who finished with 13. Usually making her baskets on swift drives to the hoop during the season, she rustled the Eagles nest by canning consecutive 15-foot jumpers to give her team their widest margin of the night at 40-22.

Lapan shook loose for 10 fourth quarter points to keep the Eagles at bay. She finished with 16, one point under her average.

Rounding out the Rams scorers were Brown with nine, Hiers with six and Amy Buy with two. Dominating the boards were Brown with 18, along with seven each by School and Lapan.

Having a happy homecoming was Eagle center Pam Kirsche, a former Southwick starter who transferred to Easthampton last fall. She popped in 14 points against her old mates along with grabbing nine bounds.

Winners of five straight with a 10-1 division record and 15-2 overall, the Rams should get by Monson on Monday then come home for a second shot with Hampshire on Thursday, February 24th. First place honors are on the line.

If they are to beat the Raiders, however, the Rams will need to get the old battery recharged, Vincent said that after the Eagle victory his team was physically exhausted, adding, "If we play as bad against Hampshire, it won't be much of a game. But I think we'll rebound."

JV Girls Undeclared

By Bob Hrycay

The magic number is down to three for the Southwick High junior varsity girls basketball team.

The young Rams jumped all over the Easthampton Eagles last Thursday night, gaining a whopping 55-10 victory to up their glittering record to 17-0.

"We've been working hard in practice and it showed tonight," said Rams Coach Stetson Arnold. "We have a good chance of winning our remaining games the way we moved the ball around tonight." That strong passing put 10 players in the scorebook, and on the defensive end of the court, the Rams were just as awesome, holding the Eagles scoreless for 20 minutes in a stretch that lasted from midway in the first quarter until late in the third session.

With her team up 14-4, Holly Balfour popped off the bench in the second quarter to pour in 11 of her team's next 13 points, along with four rebounds and four steals. She finished the night with a game-high 13 points.

The Rams led 30-4 at the half and widened the gulf to 41-6 after three quarters. Second leading scorer Wendy Farina contributed eight points along with six rebounds and two steals, all coming in the second half.

Two buckets apiece by Farina, Michelle Cook and Lisa Bruno and one by Balfour resulted in a 14-4 fourth quarter blitz to account for the gigantic margin of victory.

Center Paula Alekson, who also sees duty on the varsity squad, pulled down seven rebounds and nailed six points. Cook paced the Rams board game with nine. Also looking good on the hardwood were Jackie Jensen with seven points, Theresa Warren (6), Carolyn Bardwell (4), Linda Brooks (2) and Melanie Thompson (1).

The remaining roadblocks for a perfect 20-0 season - Monson, Hampshire, and Gateway - have all fallen prey to the Rams onslaught already this season. Along with their varsity mates, the JV's play their final home game against Hampshire on Thursday, February 24th in what should be a big night of hoop whooping for Southwick fans.

coming in at 6.3 and Monette at 6.4.

The relays concluded the evening around 9 o'clock. Bromson, Fothergill, Mandirola and Romano came in third in the four x three lap sprint with a time of 4:33.1, only three one-hundredths of a second behind Windsor Locks. In the four by one lap, Bailey, Evans, Monette and Smith achieved a third. Their time was 1:59.4, again only a little behind the Windsor Locks team.

The Wildcats are now anxiously awaiting sectionals, which take place in late February.

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